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H.B. No. 2619

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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05 APR -6 PM 8:10
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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COMMITTEE REPORT

The Honorable Tom Craddick
Speaker of the House of Representatives

3/31/2005
(date)

Sir:

We, your COMMITTEE ON LAND AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

to whom was referred HB 2619 have had the same under consideration and beg to report back with the recommendation that it

- ☒ do pass, without amendment.
☐ do pass, with amendment(s).
☐ do pass and be not printed; a Complete Committee Substitute is recommended in lieu of the original measure.

- ☒ yes ☐ no A fiscal note was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no A criminal justice policy impact statement was requested.
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☐ yes ☒ no An actuarial analysis was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no A water development policy impact statement was requested.
☐ yes ☒ no A tax equity note was requested.

☒ The Committee recommends that this measure be sent to the Committee on Local and Consent Calendars.

For Senate Measures: House Sponsor _____

Joint Sponsors: _____ / _____ / _____

Co-Sponsors: _____

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	AYE	NAY	PNV	ABSENT
Mowery, Chair	✓			
Harper-Brown, Vice-chair	✓			
Blake, Jr.	✓			
Cook	✓			
Escobar	✓			
Leibowitz				✓
Miller	✓			
Orr	✓			
Pickett	✓			

Total 8 aye
 0 nay
 0 present, not voting
 1 absent

Anna Mowery
CHAIR

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2619
By: Hegar
Land & Resource Management
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

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The purpose of H.B. 2619 is to require ORCA to create a program that will provide rural communities with information, training, and technical assistance related to ESDs.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the opinion of the committee that this bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

ANALYSIS

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SECTION 2. Effective Date.

EFFECTIVE DATE

September 1, 2005.

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

HB 2619

March 31, 2005 7:00AM

Considered in public hearing

Testimony taken in committee (See attached witness list.)

Reported favorably without amendment(s)

OLD

WITNESS LIST

**HB 2619
HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT
Land & Resource Management Committee**

March 31, 2005 - 7:00AM

On: Beverly, Eric V. (Office of Rural Community Affairs)

Registering, but not testifying:

For: Hodges, Ken (Texas Farm Bureau)

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 29, 2005

TO: Honorable Anna Mowery, Chair, House Committee on Land & Resource Management

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2619 by Hegar (Relating to a program by the Office of Rural Community Affairs to assist rural areas with the establishment of emergency services districts.), **As Introduced**

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Local Government Impact

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Source Agencies: 357 Office of Rural Community Affairs, 477 Commission on State Emergency Communications

LBB Staff: JOB, WK, MW, BC

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HOUSE
COMMITTEE REPORT
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05 APR -8 PM 5:43
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Total

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1-1 By: Hegar (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 2619
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2005;
1-3 April 19, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 19, 2005, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 19, 2005, sent to
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FAVORABLE
SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON

SB SCR SJR SR HB HCR HJR 2619
By Zaffirini
(Author/Senate Sponsor)
5/19/05
(date)

Sir:

We, your Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, to which was referred the attached measure, have on 5/18/05, had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back with the recommendation (s) that it:

- ☒ do pass and be printed
☐ do pass and be ordered not printed
☒ and is recommended for placement on the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar.

A fiscal note was requested. ☒ yes ☐ no
A revised fiscal note was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no
An actuarial analysis was requested. ☐ yes ☒ no
Considered by subcommittee. ☐ yes ☒ no

The measure was reported from Committee by the following vote:

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	PNV
Senator Frank Madla, Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Kim Brimer, Vice-Chairman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Bob Deuell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Mario Gallegos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Senator Jeff Wentworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
TOTAL VOTES	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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COMMITTEE ACTION

S260 Considered in public hearing
S270 Testimony taken

Christine Wright
COMMITTEE CLERK

Frank Madla
CHAIRMAN

Paper clip the original and one copy of this signed form to the original bill
Retain one copy of this form for Committee files

BILL ANALYSIS

Senate Research Center
79R4493 KEG-D

H.B. 2619
By: Hegar (Zaffirini)
Intergovernmental Relations
5/11/2005
Engrossed

AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

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HB 2619

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Intergovernmental Relations

May 18, 2005 - 8:00AM

Registering, but not testifying:

For: Hodges, Ken Associate Legislative Director (Texas Farm Bureau), Austin, TX

On: Stone, Charles S. (Charlie) (Office of Rural Community Affairs), Austin, TX

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 79TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 10, 2005

TO: Honorable Frank Madla, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

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REQUEST FOR LOCAL & UNCONTESTED CALENDAR PLACEMENT

SENATOR CHRIS HARRIS, CHAIRMAN
SENATE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that HB 2019, by Zaffirini,
(Bill No.) (Author/Sponsor)

was heard by the Committee on ICR on 5/18,
2005,

and reported out with the recommendation that it be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Christine Wright
(Clerk of the reporting committee)

IMPORTANT: A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO A COMMITTEE PRINTED VERSION OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION AND SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OFFICE, E1.714. DEADLINES FOR SUBMITTING BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2619 was passed by the House on April 14, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2619 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2619[✓]
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(3)
Yeas 31[✓], Nays 0[✓]
(4) (5)

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

Date

Governor

**** Preparation: CT26

H.B. No. 2419

By Naz

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MAR 10 2005

Filed with the Chief Clerk

MAR 16 2005

Read first time and referred to Committee on Land and Resource Management

MAR 31 2005

Reported ____favorably (b) (6) (b) (7)(C)

APR 07 2005

Sent to Committee on (Calendars)
(Local & Consent Calendars)

APR 14 2005

Read second time (~~comm. sub.~~) (~~amended~~); passed to third reading (~~failed~~) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting).

Constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting

APR 14 2005

Read third time (~~amended~~), finally passed (~~failed to pass~~) by a (non-record vote) (record vote of yeas nays, present, not voting)

Engrossed

APR 18 2005

Sent to Senate

Robert Hanev

CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE

OTHER HOUSE ACTION:

APR 11 2005

APR 11 2005 Sent to Committee on Local and Consent Calendars

APR 18 2005

Received from the House

APR 19 2005

Read and referred to Committee on INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

MAY 19 2005

Reported favorably _____

Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time

Ordered not printed

Laid before the Senate

MAY 23 2005

Senate and Constitutional Rules to permit consideration suspended by (unanimous consent)
(~~yeas, _____ nays~~)

MAY 23 2005

Read second time, _____, and passed to third reading by (unanimous consent)
(a viva voce vote)
(_____ yeas, _____ nays)

MAY 23 2005

Senate and Constitutional 3 Day Rules suspended by a vote of 31 yeas, 0 nays

MAY 23 2005

Read third time, _____, and passed by a (viva voce vote)
93 yeas, 0 nays)

May 23, 2005

Returned to the House

63 years, 8 days)

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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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OTHER SENATE ACTION:

MAY 23 2005

Returned from the Senate (substituted)
(for amendments)

House concurred in Senate amendments by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

House refused to concur in Senate amendments and requested the appointment of a conference committee
by a (non-record vote) (record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

House conferees appointed: _____, Chair; _____,
_____, _____, _____

Senate granted House request. Senate conferees appointed: _____, Chair;
_____, _____, _____, _____

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the House by a (non-record vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays, _____ present, not voting)

Conference committee report adopted (rejected) by the Senate by a (viva voce vote)
(record vote of _____ yeas, _____ nays)

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

05 APR -6 PM 8:10
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